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DEVIL TO PAY **pt. 2**

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THE MEMORY OF
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Set free from the confines of Hell, The Redeemer spreads his wings and enjoys the open sky once more. Now that she has returned from her "rescue mission," Nyx releases Al's "shadow" from her control and collapses to the ground. In the hospital bed of Al Simmons, a miracle has occurred. Al, once in a complete coma, has been revived. The federal agents who have observed him since his admittance are not nearly enough to stop him. Al and his "shadow" have a couple of scores to settle. And they both plan to deal with the betrayal by Nyx with the utmost urgency. Suddenly remembering his oath to protect Nyx in exchange for his freedom, The Redeemer rushes back to her side. But with Spawn close to exacting his revenge, The Redeemer may be too late.

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KILL ME...
QUICKLY... I ASK NO
MERCY. I EXPECT NO
FORGIVENESS.

I JUST
WANT THIS
TO END...



LOOK
AT ME. I
DON'T CARE
WHAT YOU
WANT.



THIS--
RIGHT HERE,
RIGHT NOW--
IS ABOUT
WHAT I WANT.
AND I WANT
ANSWERS.



YOU
STOLE MY
POWER,
DRESSED
YOURSELF UP IN
MY SHADOW.
YOU BETRAYED
MY TRUST AND
VIOLATED MY
BEING.

I CAN
STILL FEEL
THE ECHO
OF YOUR
THOUGHTS
ON ME.



I WANT
YOU TO
TELL ME
WHY.



THEA...SHE WAS MY FRIEND. SHE WAS TRAPPED IN HELL. I COULDN'T LEAVE HER THERE. I HAD TO DO SOMETHING. I THOUGHT I COULD SAVE HER. AND PROTECT YOU.

PROTECT ME? FROM WHAT?

MAMMON... THE GENTLEMAN. HE...HE WAS THE ONE WHO TOLD ME ABOUT THEA. HE SAID YOU WERE THE ONE WHO CHASED HER INTO HELL.

HE OFFERED A BARGAIN. HE'D RELEASE THEA IF I GAVE HIM WHAT HE WANTED. BUT I COULDN'T...I WOULDN'T DO THAT TO YOU. SO I TRIED TO FIND ANOTHER WAY OUT.

WHAT COULD YOU GIVE HIM?

CONTROL. OVER YOU.

WHEN I FIRST MET YOU, THAT NIGHT... I SEWED YOUR SHADOW ONTO YOU...I KEPT PART OF IT FOR MYSELF. TO KEEP YOU NEAR ME. TO BIND YOUR WILL TO MINE.

YOU SCHEMING LITTLE BITCH...

I WOULD TAKE YOUR POWER FOR MY OWN AND SET THEA FREE. I MADE A BARGAIN. SAFE PASSAGE THROUGH HELL.

A BARGAIN? WITH WHOM?

A MINOR LORD OF HELL. N'ZZEZHEAAL. IT WAS A DISASTER. I CAN'T FORGIVE MYSELF AND I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO. I'M SUCH A FOOL.

N'ZZEZHEAAL? I NEVER HEARD OF HIM. WHAT WAS THE PRICE?

WHAT DID YOU OFFER IN EXCHANGE?

I...I OFFERED >cough<

I OFFERED MY...

I KNOW. I'M SORRY. HE WANTS CONTROL OVER YOU. BUT I WOULDN'T GIVE IT TO HIM. I THOUGHT...I THOUGHT I COULD TRICK HIM.





STAND ASIDE, VILLAIN!
NO HARM SHALL COME TO THE LADY. SHE IS UNDER MY PROTECTION.

YOU HAVE MUCH TO ANSWER FOR, HELLSPAWN! THIS IS THE HOUR OF RECKONING-- AND IT WILL NOT BE DELAYED.

LOOK UPON ME NOW AND KNOW THE BLINDING LIGHT OF VENGEANCE!

GO AHEAD AND RUN. YOU WILL NOT GET FAR.

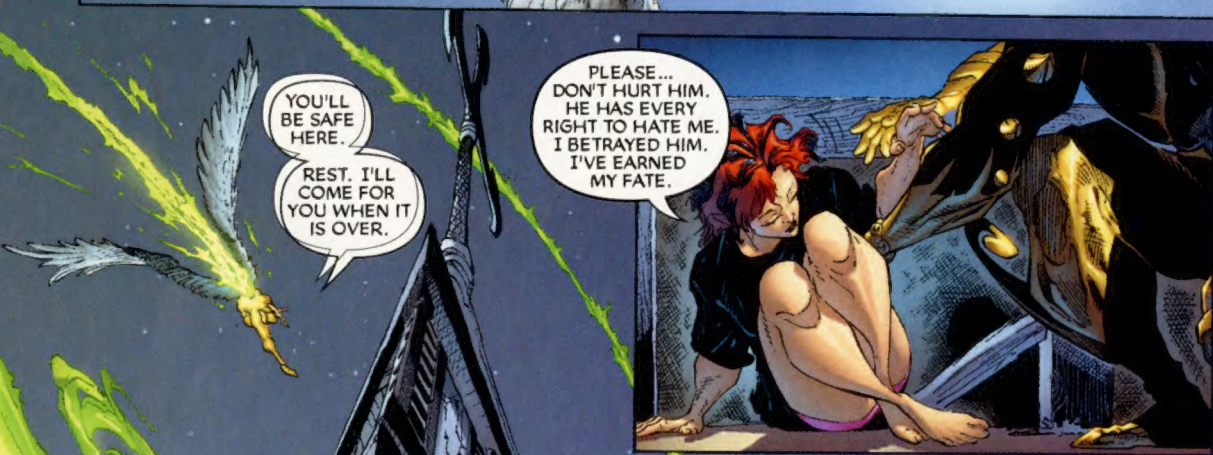
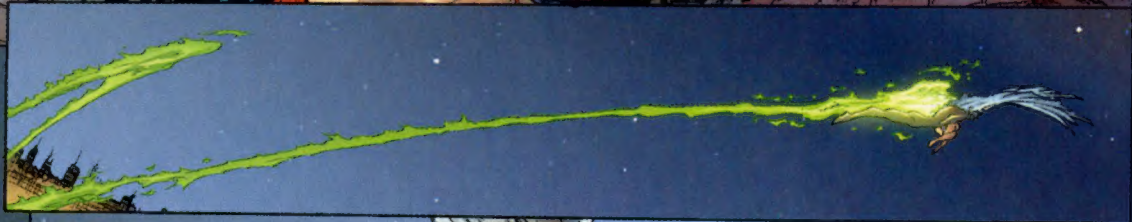
MY LADY, ARE YOU HARMED?

I DON'T THINK SO.

THUD

THUD

THUD





SHOW YOURSELF, HELL SPAWN. YOU CANNOT HIDE FROM ME. I WILL NOT BE DAUNTED.

TOO LONG I HAVE DWELLED IN THE PIT OF DARKNESS, SUFFERED THE WEIGHT OF UNSPEAKABLE MISERY.

ALL BECAUSE OF YOU.

NO ONE NEEDS TO INSTRUCT ME IN THE WAYS OF HELL.

MY ANGER IS **RIGHTEOUS**. MY VENGEANCE IS **JUST**.



I DON'T
GIVE A GOOD
GODDAMN.

IF YOU
WANT ME, COME
FIND ME. HOWEVER
THIS ENDS, IT
WILL BE BY MY
RULES.

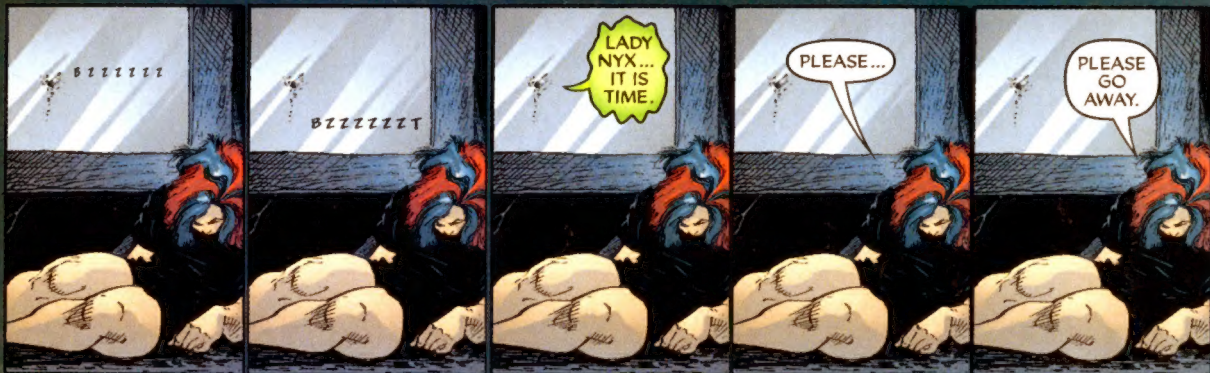
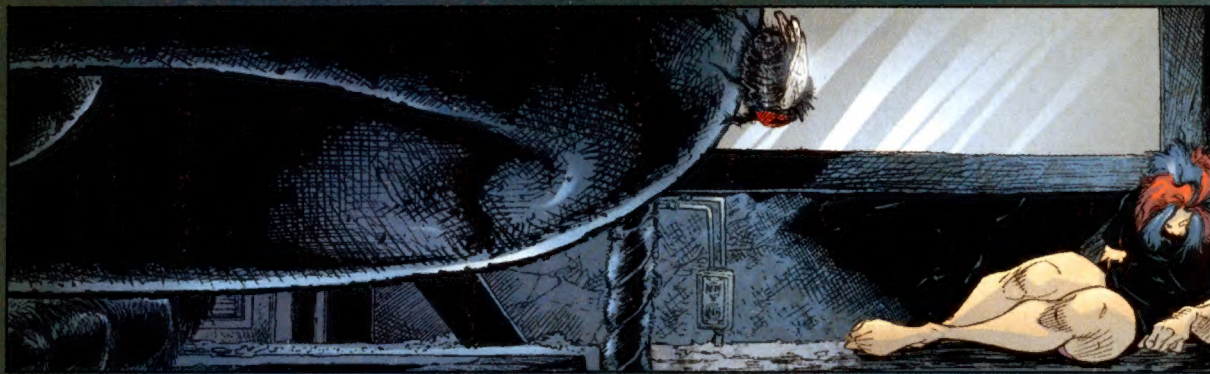
ON MY
TURF.

YOUR
"TURF."
THIS CRADLE
OF FILTH AND
DARKNESS
REVEALS MUCH
OF YOUR
NATURE.

LET US
BE WARRIORS.
COME AND FACE
ME. I WILL BE
MERCIFUL.

I PROMISE
YOU WILL
NOT SUFFER
UNDULY.

SOMEHOW
I DOUBT
THAT.





RAGS?

THIS RUSE
IS BENEATH YOU.
I AM
DISAPPOINTED.

TOUGH.



I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR GRUDGE.

I DON'T CARE ABOUT WHAT YOU THINK IS JUST OR RIGHTEOUS.

YOU WANT PITY?

YOU'RE LOOKING IN THE WRONG PLACE.

DON'T MOCK ME.


WHAMP!





I AM THE
LIGHT THAT
DRIVES OUT
THE
DARKNESS!

I AM
THE SWORD
THAT SLAYS
THE INFERNAL
DRAGON!



YOU ARE A
CANCER UPON
THE FACE OF
CREATION.

LEAVING
NOTHING
BUT DEATH
AND
SUFFERING
IN YOUR
WAKE.

EVERYONE...
EVERYTHING
YOU
TOUCH...

SKLAANG!



WHOMP!



CRASH!

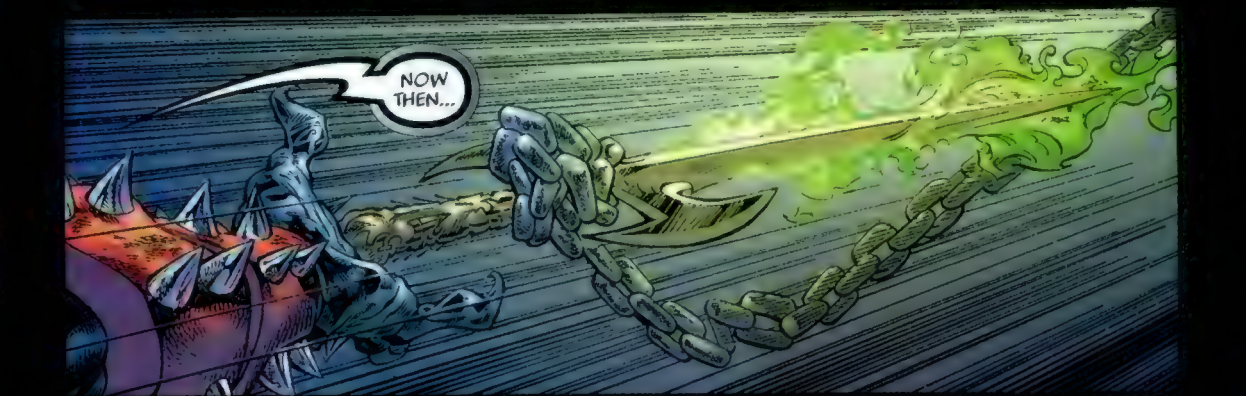
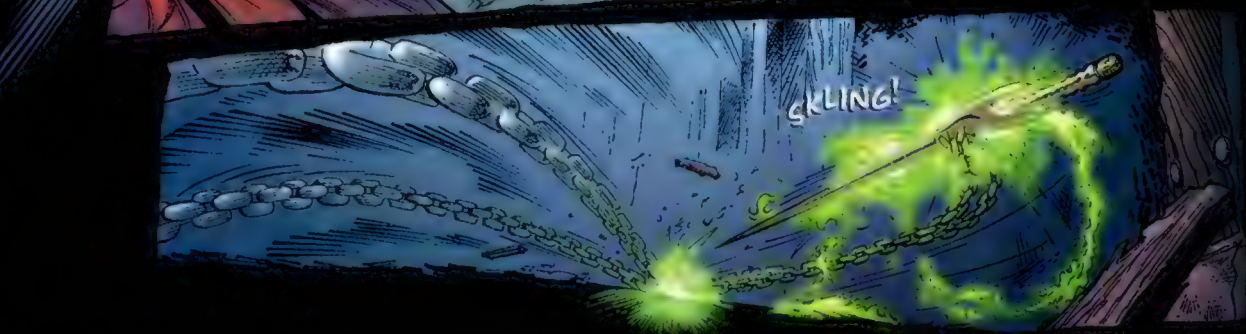




THERE'S
NOWHERE
TO GO
NOW.

YOU'RE
A PIGEON
IN A
CAGE.

AND YOU'RE
ABOUT TO GET
PLUCKED.





WHAT
EXACTLY WERE
YOU SAYING
ABOUT
MERCY?

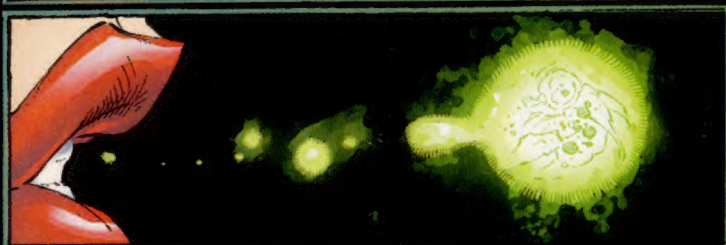


IT IS TIME
TO SETTLE
ACCOUNTS. DO
YOU GIVE UP YOUR
MAGICK? FREELY
AND WILLINGLY,
IN ACCORDANCE
TO OUR
COMPACT?

YES.
TAKE
IT.

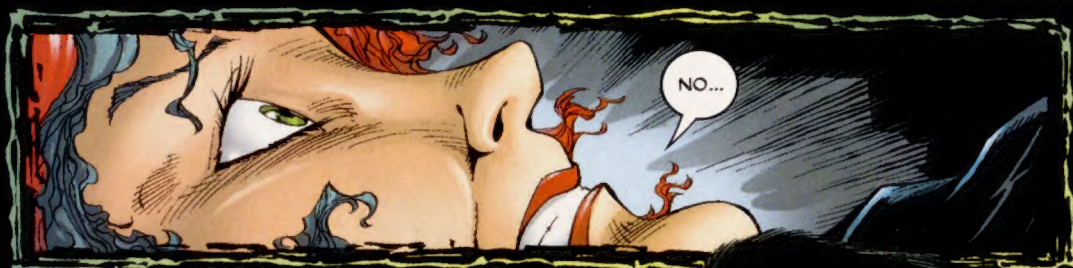
I DON'T
WANT IT
ANYMORE.

VERY
WELL. IT
IS A SMALL
THING, BUT IT
HAS SOME
VALUE.



WHAT
WAS ONCE
YOURS IS
NOW
MINE.

SURPRISED?
YOU
SHOULDN'T
BE.



NO...

OH
YES.
I TOLD
YOU...

IN THE
END, YOU
WOULD GIVE
ME PRECISELY
WHAT I
WANTED.





Tyrant
Lizard
King

EMPIRE